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1. THE MARCH 25-26 EUROPEAN COUNCIL REACHED QUICK AGREEMENT
ON A DECLARATION ON THE COMMUNITY'S STEEL INDUSTRY, AS
REQUESTED BY THE EC COMMISSION (REF A). COMMISSION PRESIDENT
ROY JENKINS SUMMED UP THE DISCUSSIONS FOR REPORTERS BY
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ASSERTING THAT THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS
HAD RECEIVED A VERY FAVORABLE REACTION. HE INDICATED THAT
THE COMMISSION WILL NOW BE ABLE TO GO AHEAD WITH DETAILED
PROPOSALS IN THE COURSE OF THE MONTH OF APRIL.

2. FOLLOING IS THE TEXT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL DECLARATION
ON "THE SITUATION IN THE STEEL SECTOR", ISSUED MARCH 26.

3. /BEGIN TEXT/: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED THE SITUATION IN THE STEEL SECTOR, ON THE BASIS OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION. THIS SECTOR IS EXPERIENCING A DEPRESSION MORE SERIOUS THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY. THE HEADS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE TAKEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM THEIR RESOLVE TO RESTORE TO THE STEEL INDUSTRY THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES, THE VIABILITY AND COMPETITIVENESS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A TRULY EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL.

4. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMISSION TO PUT FORWARD AT AN EARLY DATE PRACTICAL PROPOSALS AND INITIATIVES FOR SHORT TERM REMEDIAL MEASURES TO STABILIZE THE MARKET, FOR A LONGER TERM STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION OF THE EUROPEAN STEEL INDUSTRY AND FOR MEASURES IN THE SOCIAL FIELD TO ASSIST WORKERS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY SUCH REORGANIZATION. END TEXT.GARDNER

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